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The Honourable Bill Blair
Minister of Emergency Preparedness
House of Commons
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A6
Via email to bill.blair@parl.gc.ca

Re: Request for Resources – Ambassador Bridge Demonstration

Dear Minister Blair,

As you are aware, the City of Windsor is managing an organized demonstration where activists have blockaded the Ambassador Bridge. While there has been some intermittent traffic flow at times, the situation remains fluid and potentially volatile. Given the nature of this situation and the enduring commitment of resources required to sustain public safety with an aim of a negotiated resolution, the Windsor Police Service is requesting a minimum of 100 police officers be dispatched to the City of Windsor to bolster current and potentially future requirements. These officers will be utilized at the Ambassador Bridge event and be added to the rotation of officers needed to support the on-ground strategies and assist in ensuring that our police officers have the ability to rest and recover.

Moreover, the Windsor Police Service respectfully requests that marked police vehicles and tow-trucks (including heavy tows for large transport vehicles) be provided to the degree possible to assist in our operational agility should rapid response deployment be required not only at the Ambassador Bridge, but also at the Detroit-Windsor International Tunnel. While not currently a focused target by demonstrators, it is reasonable to consider the scenario that demonstrators may pivot in their strategy and attempt to blockade that international crossing location.

I want to thank you for your support, not only for law enforcement organizations, but also for our Service members and the communities we serve.

Sincerely,

Pamela Mizuno
Chief of Police
Windsor Police Service

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Situation as of 5:06 PM

Approximately 10 demonstrators reported to be on Parliament Hill and 50 demonstrators on Wellington St. and in the downtown core at this time.

OPS estimate that there are 505 trucks in the downtown core.

OPS released a statement via

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